

HUMAN LIFE ABOVE PROPERTY RIGHTS, MR. LANSING SAYS

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any way justified for its conduct. Now, what is the United States to do in these circumstances? If we admit that the arguments advanced are sound—and I am sure no one will deny that they are more or less reasonable—and submit to changes in the rules of naval warfare, we will be without any standard of neutral rights. Conceding that the rules can be modified by a belligerent to meet new conditions, in changing the rules? Belligerent go in the mercy of every belligerent? As under the old rules, neutrals suffer enough when a state of war exists. They should not be further restricted in the exercise of their rights.

The only alternative, therefore, is for this government to hold firmly to those neutral rights which international law has clearly defined, and to insist vigorously on their observance by all belligerents. In not the slightest degree can the settled rules be modified unless all the parties are in agreement to the modifications.

Misfortune of Belligerents.

"If Germany finds it difficult or impossible to conform submarine warfare to the international naval code, or if Great Britain finds it equally difficult to obey the rules of blockade and contraband, that is not our business. They cannot expect neutral nations to submit without resistance to further invasion of their rights."

"This has been the position of the United States from the beginning of the war. It has twice sought to bring about a mutual consent of the belligerents to certain changes in the rules, but in both cases it failed and the suggestions were withdrawn. It is true that the rights violated by the belligerents may differ in importance, and, therefore, require different treatment. Thus the violation of the natural right of life is a much more serious offense against an innocent and against his nation than the violation of the legal right of property. There is not, and cannot be, adequate recompense for the wrongful destruction of life, but property losses may be satisfied by the payment of indemnities. If one belligerent violates the right of life and another belligerent violates the right of property, can you doubt for a moment which of these governments the greatest concern, or which one will call forth the more vigorous protest and the more earnest efforts to prevent repetitions of the offense?"

Fail to See Difference.

"A government which places life and property on an equality would be generally condemned, and justly condemned. This seems to be an axiom, and yet, I regret to say, there are some Americans who do not recognize this difference. How many take this view it is impossible to say, but the number is large, judging by some who sit in the halls of Congress. These people openly complain that the government does not do much more to protect American property as it does to protect American lives—property, which can be restored to the owners or an indemnity paid; lives, which can never be restored or adequately indemnified.

"This mental attitude makes one wonder if the sensibilities of the American people have become so blunted by materialism that they think as much of the loss of their property as they do of the loss of the lives of their fellow countrymen. Such an idea is repugnant to a liberty-loving American; it is utterly wanting in the nobler impulses of a great people; it is hostile to the spirit of true Americanism. Yet it exists, and is widespread and must be reckoned with."

Heart of Republic Threatened.

"With the knowledge that a number of citizens prefer to have their material interests protected even to the extent of not insisting on our rights, the conduct of our foreign relations is made most difficult. How extensive this influence is no one can say with certainty. That it exists at all is not all that true, that the great heart of the republic is threatened with fatty degeneration through those who have lost their patriotic vigor, that many Americans have become lovers of ease rather than lovers of national honor."

"This attitude of mind of a portion of our people, as I said, increases the difficulties of diplomacy. It is almost impossible to present a strong and unbending front in a controversy unless a united and determined nation is behind you. Furthermore, the knowledge that our people are not a unit in supporting a policy encourages a foreign government to resist our protests, feeling sure that we must withdraw or

modify them. It is not a pleasant position.

Americanism for Future.

"I firmly believe that the American people will one of these days crush out this influence and become as they should be, a great united nation, jealous of their rights and eager to defend their honor regardless of personal sacrifice. Americanism, with all that that term implies of patriotism, loyalty and zeal, must be from this time forth the great standing policy of this republic. "When you disapprove of some course of action taken by this government be lenient in your judgment, for very often the action is the result of conditions which cannot be made public and which may never be made public. It is always my wish, and I know that it is the wish of the President, to take the people into our confidence, to tell them frankly what the situation is, but you must realize that it cannot be done in every case. They must try to be patient and to trust the government to do the very best it can in upholding the national honor and dignity."

Responsibility Gives Pause.

"Responsibility makes a world of difference in a man's point of view. When a few words may plunge this country into war, the man who has the power to utter those words will think a long, long time before he exercises that power. He will submit to a deal of criticism and endure abuse and ridicule, to tell them frankly what the situation is, but you must realize that it cannot be done in every case. They must try to be patient and to trust the government to do the very best it can in upholding the national honor and dignity."

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT G. W. U. BEGINS TODAY

Baccalaureate Sermon Will Be Preached at Temple Baptist Church by Rev. Dr. J. J. Muir.

The baccalaureate sermon for the graduates of George Washington University is to be preached this afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at Temple Baptist Church, 19th and N streets northwest, by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Joseph Johnstone Muir.

Candidates for degrees, members of faculties and trustees of the university are to assemble at the Medical School building, 1325 H street northwest, at 2:30 o'clock, in academic dress, and march through the streets to the church.

Rear Admiral Charles Herbert Stockton, U. S. N., retired, president of the university, and Mrs. Stockton will receive members of the graduating classes tomorrow afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock at the Washington Club, 1701 K street northwest. Commencement exercises will be held Wednesday night in Memorial Continental Hall.

Girl students of the university yesterday took a trip up the Chesapeake and Ohio canal aboard a canal boat. The outing was under direction of the Women's University Club. The girls assembled at Georgetown early in the morning, boarded the old boat, and floated slowly up the waterway until noon, when a luncheon was spread on the bank of the canal.

Military Secrets Bill Passes.

A bill to safeguard national defense secrets by providing a penalty of \$1,000 or one year's imprisonment was extended in an amendment adopted yesterday by the Senate to include contractors or workmen who come into possession of any secrets through manufacturing or supplying military or naval equipment. The bill was passed.

President Congratulates King.

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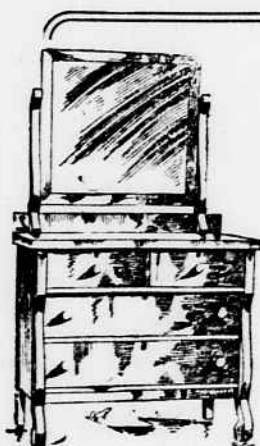
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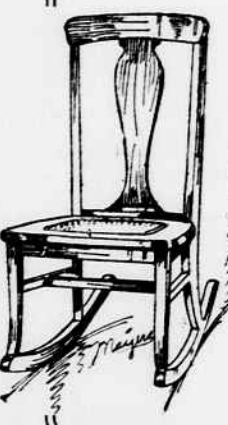
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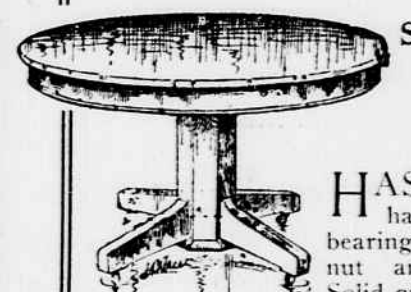
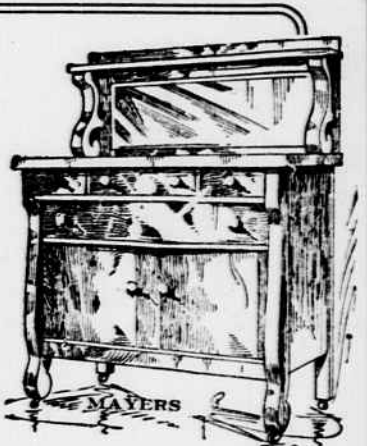
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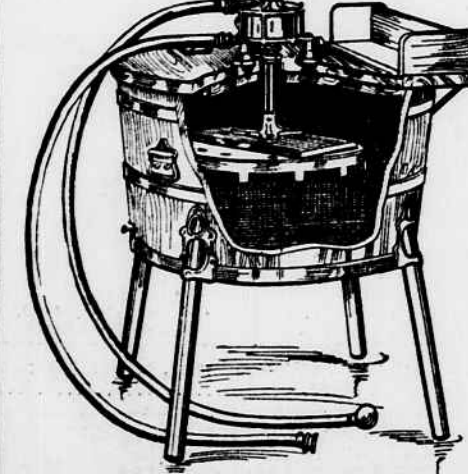
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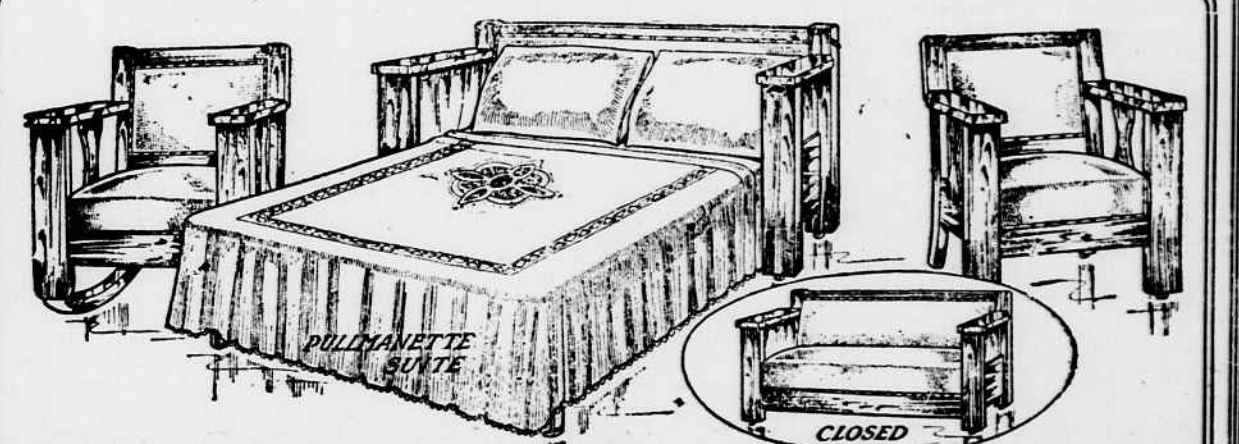


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